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VIA HAND DELIVERY

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights Records Unit 1001 "I" Street, Second Floor Sacramento, CA

Re: Resubmission-of-Application-to-Appropriate Water by City of Bakersfield

Dear SWRCB:

Through this letter, the City of Bakersfield ("City") resubmits the enclosed application to appropriate water from the Kern River.

The City originally submitted this application to the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") on October 10, 1996. The City explained in the enclosed cover letter that it submitted the application in anticipation of the outcome of pending litigation relating to water rights on the Kern River (*North Kern Water Storage District v. Kern Delta Water District et al.*, Tulare County Superior Court Case No. 96-172919).

The City submitted the application because it expected that the court would find "that significant quantities of Kern River water have been forfeited to the State and thus are available for appropriation." The City further explained: "Should the court find that, in effect, there is water available for appropriation on the Kern River, the City requests that the SWRCB immediately provide for notice and a hearing to revise the fully appropriated status of the Kern River. (Wat. Code § 1205(c).) The City would then expect the SWRCB to formally accept its application to appropriate forwarded with this correspondence and acknowledge the City's priority right to the unappropriated water. (See Wat. Code §§ 106, 106.5, 1460.)"

In an April 23, 1997 letter, the SWRCB acknowledged receipt of the application, and informed the City that it would "retain your petition and unaccepted application pending the outcome of the trial." In correspondence dated April 16, 1999 and October 8, 1999, the SWRCB again informed the City that it would "defer action" on the City's application "until completion of the on-going litigation."



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On May 26, 2005, the SWRCB informed the City and 10 other water agencies that had also filed applications to appropriate water from the Kern River that it was rejecting the applications and petitions, "without prejudice," because the litigation had still not concluded. The SWRCB directed the City and the other entities to refile their applications after the final conclusion of the litigation.

The Kern River litigation has now finally concluded. On April 25, 2007, the California Supreme Court denied petitions for review filed by the Kern Delta Water District ("Kern Delta") and the North Kern Water Storage District ("North Kern"). The Supreme Court's denial of the petitions constitutes the final step in the litigation, and concludes the matter.

The City resubmits its application because, as a result of the recently concluded litigation, there is forfeited water available for appropriation on the Kern River. The Tulare County Superior Court has determined, in two judgments, that Kern Delta forfeited pre-1914 appropriative water rights on the Kern River, that the Kern River is no longer fully appropriated, and that such water is subject to appropriation.

The California Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District, has similarly confirmed, on two occasions, that pre-1914 water rights forfeited by Kern Delta through the litigation is available for appropriation through the Water Code permit procedures. Recently the Court of Appeal confirmed, in *North Kern Water Storage District v. Kern Delta Water District* (2007) 147 Cal.App.4th 555, that the SWRCB has exclusive jurisdiction to determine claims to the forfeited water.

The City resubmits its application at this time to preserve the City's November 10, 1996 filing priority. The City also resubmits is application based on the SWRCB's statements that it would accept the application at the conclusion of the litigation, or that the City should resubmit the application upon the conclusion of the litigation.

The City reserves the right to submit additional materials and documents to the SWRCB with regard to the application, including an amended application, additional supporting documents, and a formal petition, pursuant to Water Code Section 1205, to revise the SWRCB's declaration that the Kern River is fully appropriated.

The City included a proper filing fee when it initially filed its application in 1996. Since the City is not filing a new application, but is resubmitting its previously submitted application, the City does not believe a new filing fee is necessary. If the SWRCB disagrees with this assessment, however, please let us know.

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If the SWRCB has any questions with regard to the enclosed application, or if the SWRCB requires additional information, please contact the undersigned, at 415-957-3015. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Colin L. Pearce

For DUANE MORRIS

CLP/cwc

Enclosures

cc:

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TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK (For instructions, see booklet: "How to File an Application to Appropriate Water in California")



2. OWNERSHIP INFORMATION (Please check type of ownership.)

☐ Business Trust

☐ Joint Venture

California Environmental Protection Agency

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
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APPLICATION NO. ___

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☐ General Partnership*

☐ Husband/Wife Co-Ownership

☑ Other Municipality - A Charter
City and Municipal Corporation

APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE WATER SAC

SECTION A: NOTICE INFORMATION

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☐ Sole Owner

☐ Corporation

☐ Limited Partnership*

*Please provide a copy of your partnership agreement.

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Name	City of Bakersfield	Colin L. Pearce		
	Water Resources Department	Duane Morris LLP		
Mailing Address	1000 Buena Vista Road	One Market, Spear Tower Ste 2000		
City, State & Zip	Bakersfield, CA 93311	San Francisco, CA 94105-1104		
Telephone	(661) 326-3715	(415) 957-3000		
Fax	(661) 852-2127	(415) 957-3001		
E-mail	water@bakersfieldcity.us	clpearce@duanemorris.com		

☐ Limited Liability Company (LLC)

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	c.	Does your proposed project involve any construction or grading-related activity that has significantly altered or would significantly alter the bed, bank, or riparian habitat of any stream or lake? ☐ YES ☒ NO If YES, explain:
	d.	□ See Attachment No Have you contacted the California Department of Fish and Game concerning your project? □ YES □ NO If YES, name and telephone number of contact:
3.	EN	IVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
	c.	Has any California public agency prepared an environmental document for your project? YES NO If YES, submit a copy of the latest environmental document(s) prepared, including a copy of the notice of determination adopted by the California public agency. Public agency: City of Bakersfield If NO, check the appropriate box and explain below, if necessary:
		☐ The applicant is a California public agency and will be preparing the environmental document.* ☐ I expect that the SWRCB will be preparing the environmental document.**
		☐ 1 expect that a California public agency other than the State Water Resources Control Board will be preparing the environmental document.* Public agency: ☐ See Attachment No. 9
		* Note: When completed, submit a copy of the <u>final</u> environmental document (including notice of determination) or notice of exemption to the SWRCB, Division of Water Rights. Processing of your application cannot proceed until these documents are submitted.
		** Note: CEQA requires that the SWRCB, as Lead Agency, prepare the environmental document. The information contained in the environmental document must be developed by the applicant and at the applicant's expense under the direction of the SWRCB, Division of Water Rights.
4.	w.a.	ASTE/WASTEWATER Will your project, during construction or operation, (1) generate waste or wastewater containing such things as sewage, industrial chemicals, metals, or agricultural chemicals, or (2) cause erosion, turbidity or sedimentation? □ YES ☑ NO If YES, or you are unsure of your answer, explain below and contact your local Regional Water Quality Control Board for the following information (See instruction booklet for address and telephone no.):
		□ See Attachment No.
	b.	Will a waste discharge permit be required for your project? ☐ YES ☒ NO
	c.	Person contacted: Date of contact: What method of treatment and disposal will be used?
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3.	a. b.	Have any archeological reports been prepared on this project? YES NO Reports included. Will you be preparing an archeological report to satisfy another public agency? YES NO Do you know of any archeological or historic sites located within the general project area? YES NO If YES, explain:
		□ See Attachment No
6.	At	NVIRONMENTAL SETTING tach three complete sets of color photographs, clearly dated and labeled, showing the vegetation that exists the following three locations:
		 ☒ Along the stream channel immediately downstream from the proposed point(s) of diversion. ☒ Along the stream channel immediately upstream from the proposed point(s) of diversion. ☒ At the place(s) where the water is to be used.
		☑ See Attachment No. 10

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SECTION D: SUBMITTAL FEES

Calculate your application filing fee using the "Water Right Fee Schedule Summary" that was enclosed in the application packet. The "Water Right Fee Schedule Summary" can also be viewed at the Division of Water Rights' website (www.waterrights.ca.gov).

A check for the application filing fee, payable to the "Division of Water Rights" and an \$850 check for the environmental review fee, payable to the "California Department of Fish and Game," must accompany this application. All applicable fees are required at the time of filing. Your application will be returned to you if it is not accompanied by all required fees.

SECTION E: DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I declare under penalty of perjury that all information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I authorize my agent, if I have designated one above, to act on my behalf regarding this water right application.

JOGA ROS	Water Resources Manager	May 4, 2007
Signature of Applicant	Title or Relationship City of Bakersfield	Date
Signature of Co-Applicant (if any)	Title or Relationship	Date



"APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE WATER" CHECKLIST

Before you submit your application, be sure to:

- Answer each question completely in Sections A, B, and C.
- Number and include all necessary attachments.
- Include a legible map that meets the requirements discussed in the instruction booklet (Item B6).
- Include the Water Availability Analysis or sufficient information to demonstrate that there is reasonable likelihood that unappropriated water is available for the proposed appropriation (Item A6).
- Include three complete sets of color photographs of the project site (Item C6).
- Enclose a check for the required fee, payable to the Division of Water Rights, as specified in Section D.
- Enclose a \$850 check for the environmental review fee, payable to the Department of Fish and Game, as specified in Section D.
- ☐ Sign and date the application in Section E.

Send the original and one copy of the entire application to:

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000